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Fifteenth Amendment.

[By Francis E. W. Harper, a colored girl of Philadelphia.]

Beneath the burden of our joy
Tremble, O wires, from East to West!
Fashion with words your tongues of fire,
To tell the nation's high behest.

Outstrip the winds, and leave behind
The murmur of the restless waves;
Nor tarry with your glorious news,
Amid the ocean's coral caves.

Ring out! ring out! your sweetest chimes,
Ye bells, that call to prayer and praise;
Let every heart with gladness thrill,
And songs of joyful triumph raise.

Shake off the dust, O rising race!
Crowned as a brother and a man;
Justice to-day asserts her claim,
And from thy brow fades out the ban.

With freedom's chrism upon thy head,
Her precious ensign in thy hand,
Go place thy once despised name
Amid the noblest of the land.

O ransomed race! give God the praise,
Who led thee through a crimson sea,
And 'mid the storm of fire and blood,
Turned out the war-cloud's light to thee.

SELECTED STORY.

Eva, the Mason's Child.

CHAPTER, I.

Faster and faster spread the flame, and now the ship was enveloped in a fiery sheet. Men and women rushed madly over the side to meet a quicker but less painful death. The boats, with one exception, had been overladen and capsized. There were hasty prayers, and heart-rending cries of misery and distress. Death hovered, vulture like, over his victims; some clung desperately to the vessel's side, some supporting themselves in the water by articles snatched hastily from the burning ship, and with which they had leaped wildly into the sea. The captain sang through his trumpet, "Take heart and sustain yourself as long as possible. A ship is coming to our relief."

James Durant stood upon the almost deserted deck with his only child, but four years of age, folded closely in his arms. His eyes swept the horizon in search of the ship to which the captain had alluded. He discovered it at last, but it was at least four miles off. Before the ship could arrive, they must be burned to death; or, if he sprang, as others had, down into the water, both he and the child would be drowned, for he was not a swimmer.

The little arms were twined about his neck, the pale cheek rested confidingly against his own, but the brave child did not tremble.

"O, my God, is there no help?" cried the desparing father, as the flames swept nearer, and he felt that his present position could be held but a little longer.

"Here, give the child to me, and I will save her," and turning quickly, Mr. Durant stood face to face with a stranger who had a life preserver in his hand.

"Quick! there is no time to be lost! The child can have my life preserver, and it will float her easily. Yonder is another ship; I have been watching it for the last five minutes. It will reach us in half an hour at the most. There, that is fastened securely. Now, little girl, I am going to threw you into the water. You are not afraid!"

"No, no, but papa?"

The father caught her frantically in his arms.

"My darling Eva, you may never see your father again; but do not fear—God will guard you, and somebody will find you and take care of you. If you never see papa again, remember he is in heaven with mamma."

"Has she no relatives?" asked the stranger.

"None in this country; I am from England, and am traveling for health."

"Take that pin from your bosom and fasten it to her clothing."

"Heaven help you for the thought," said the father; and in a moment the square and compass were glistening on the bosom of the child, and the stranger took her from her father's arms saying: "I am stronger than you; she must be cast beyond the reach of these poor drowning wretches, or they will rob her of her life preserver."

The white drapery fluttered through the air, and sank below the waves; then rising, it floated lightly on the waters.

James turned to the stranger with tearful eyes.

"May God bless you and preserve you, noblest of men. But you, as well as myself, must be lost."

"No, I am a good swimmer, and here is a piece of board with which you can sustain yourself until relief arrives."

The father cast another glance at the white speck floating rapidly away, and with an inward "God preserve her?" sprang into the sea, followed by the stranger; but the two floated in different directions, and they saw each other no more.

Two hours later, James Durant awoke, as from the sleep of death, and found himself in the cabin of a strange ship, with kind and sympathizing faces all around him. In a moment he realized all that passed, and said, eagerly, though feebly: "My child, little Eva; is she safe?" There was no response, and a low moan escaped the father's lips.

"Courage, sir," said a lady with tearful eyes, "some of the passengers were saved by another ship."

The father's countenance lighted. "God grant that she may be safe."

Mr. Durant recovered his usual strength in a few hours, and sought among the saved for the stranger who had proved himself so true a Masonic Brother, but he was not to be found.

"He must be on the other ship," said Mr. Durant, "and he will care for Eva."

Both ships were at port the following day, but although Mr. Durannt found the stranger who had befriended him, and who proved to be a Mr. Wadsworth, from a Southern city, Eva was seen by no one, and was given up as lost.

CHAPTER II.

"Here, wife, is a child that has just been washed upon the beach. She is cold and stiff, but I think she is not dead. Let us have some warm flannels immediately, and tell Thomas to run for Dr. Hunt."

It was long before the quivering lashes and feeble fluttering of the heart gave token that success would crown the efforts of Eva's rescuers; but, by-and-by, the lids parted, and revealed two large, liquid, sky blue eyes, that wandered from face to face in a bewildered way, and then closed wearily.

"I fear she will not recover very rapidly," said the doctor. "She has a delicate constitution, and will require the best of care."

"Poor child," said Mrs. Turner, "I do not wonder she is nearly dead; but who can she be? Some terrible accident must have occurred at sea."

"You had better examine her clothing," said the doctor! "perhaps you may find some clue to her relaxations."

Mrs. Turner lifted the gossamer white dress, and turned it over and over. The square and compass placed there by Mr. Durant flashed upon the eyes of all at once. The doctor and Mr. Turner, looked at each other, but neither spoke, and Mrs. Turner did not notice the tear that glistened in her husband's eyes.

The doctor's fears that Eva would not recover rapidly proved to be well founded; days and weeks of fever succeeded in awakening her to life, during which she talked incoherently of "papa" and "poor mamma," and of the "burning ship," and of "hunger." She finally awoke to consciousness, and asked many questions as to where she was and how she came into the dark room, and who were those who attended her, but Dr. Hunt forbade her being questioned until she was stronger.

How interested were all in the little convalescent, whom the elements had cast into the little seaboard town! The ladies declared that never before did a child possess such lovely eyes or such beautiful curls, while the gentlemen seemed no less interested, and brought her gifts of everything that might please her childish fancy.

"My dear little girl," said Dr. Hunt, when Eva was at length able to ride out, "will you tell me your name?"

"Eva," said the child, "I thought you knew it."

"Yes, I know your name is Eva, but I want to know the rest of your name—your father's name."

"Eva Durant. Mr. Durant is my papa."

"Yes, I want you to tell me all you can remember about your father and mother."

Eva's eyes filled with tears. "Oh, sir," my mamma died and went to live with the angels. And I do not know where papa is. He said if I never saw him again I must know he had gone to mamma."

"Where were you when he told you this?"

"On the ship; and oh, the fire burned me so; and papa held me in his arms until a strange man took me and tied something under my arms and threw me into the water, and I have not seen papa since. O, sir, can you tell me where he is?"

"No, dear child; but perhaps we may yet find him."

And this was all that Eva's new friend could discover. It was plain she had come from the ship which had been burned a few weeks before; that she had been cast upon the sea, and floated to the shore; but where was her father? Had he been saved, and was he searching for his child? Every possible effort was now made to find him. The circumstances of the case, with the statement of the child, were published fully in the newspapers of the neighboring cities, but the grief stricken father, believing his child to be lost, had sailed a week before for Europe, and it soon became settled in the minds of Eva's protectors, that he had perished. But the little one still prattled about her "papa," and said he would come by and by, and those who believed differently would not pain her by contradiction.

The square and compass that had been found upon her clothing was regarded as a powerful appeal from a Mason to his brethren to care for his child. So it came to pass that Eva became, as it were, special charge of Hiram Lodge, No. 93. Mr. Turner would gladly have taken the entire care of the little waif, and the wealthy Senator W—— requested to be allowed to adopt her as his daughter, but the brethren in Lodge assembled, declared by a vote that Eva should be reared, educated and protected by the Lodge, and that as Providence had placed her in Brother Turner's house, that should be her home.

And so years went by, and Eva became a healthy, joyous child, flitting here and there, and every where meeting the warmest of welcome. The Masonic Hall was but a few rods from Mr. Turner's residence, and Eva often went with him as far as the door, and then returned alone always bidding the Tyler "take good care of Pa Turner, and send him home early."

CHAPTER III.

The six years that followed the death of his wife and the loss of his child, passed wearily to James Durant. He visited nearly every country in the Old World, seeking among scenes of natural beauty and grandeur as well as of historic interest, for the mental rest which could never be found. Once more he turned his steps towards America, and sought his Masonic friend Wadsworth.—Finding that gentleman about setting out with his family on a journey to the Atlantic coast, Mr. Durant accepted the invitation to accompany them to Saratoga and Niagara, then to New York, where leaving the ladies, Mr. Wadsworth and Mr. Durant wandered from town to town along the coast, enjoying the beauty of the scenery and the quiet hospitality that greeted them more than the crowded hotels and the fashionable style of the popular watering places. Fancy, and the kind hand of Providence, at length led them to the little town of B——, and the second evening after their arrival they visited the Masonic Lodge. A warm welcome was extended to these Brethren from such distant homes, and both were invited to address the Lodge. Mr. Durant said:

"Brethren: I have traveled much and long. I have found Masonic sympathy in every part of the globe, and every where is masonry substantially the same. I can hardly tell where I reside. The world seems to be my home, as I remain but a short time in any town or country, but my name is recorded in an English Brethren, for they first brought me 'from darkness to light,' and I love English soil, for with it sleeps the wife of my youth. But I love American soil, also, for here have I found the warmest of welcomes, the kindest of brethren. And, too, my own child is sleeping in American waters, even beneath the very waves that wash the shores of your beautiful village.

"Six years have passed since this dear friend and brother robbed himself of his life preserver, that my little Eva might perhaps escape, and we hoped the elements might be kind, and that heaven would send her relief, but she was never heard of more."

The voice of Mr. Durant was quivering with emotion, and unable to speak further, he seated himself and covered his face with his hands.

Glances of surprise and pleasure were cast from one to another among the Brethren of Hiram Lodge. No one spoke however, but all eyes turned upon the Master, Mr. Turner. For a moment he seemed reflecting; then taking a slip of paper from the Secretary he wrote.

"Mrs. Turner—Do not allow Eva to retire until I return home; tell her I am going to bring a strange gentleman who wishes to see her." And calling the Jun. Deacon, Mr. Turner gave him the note, saying in a low voice: "Take this note to Mrs. Turner immediately."

"Why Eva," said Mrs. Turner, when she had read the message, "you are going to have company. A strange gentleman is at the Lodge room who wishes to see you."

"Who can it be?"

Eva looked perplexed and thoughtful, suddenly her cheeks flushed, her eyes lighted, and clapping her little hands, she sprang to her feet and exclaimed, "Oh, it must be papa! no one else would wish to see me; no one in the world;" and before Mrs. Turner comprehended the child's interpretation, she had passed the threshold and was flitting through the moonlight toward the Lodge room. The Tyler looked amazed when Eva burst into the ante-room, her cheeks burning, her eyes flashing with joy and excitement.

"Do not stop me, I am going in!" she exclaimed. But the inner door was fastened, and the impatient Eva nearly cried with vexation.

"Wait a moment," said the Tyler, who having heard nothing of what had transpired within, was at a loss to account for the strange conduct of his child; "wait a moment, and I will send your request to Mr. Turner. He will come out and see you."

"I shall not wait! I do not want to see Mr. Turner, I want to see my papa."

"The child is crazy, that is evident," said the perplexed Tyler to himself; but calling out the deacon, he bade him say that Eva was there and had determined to get into the lodge room.

The deacon went to the East, and delivered his message in a low tone, and a moment afterward moved "that the craft be called from labor to refreshment."

"Now," said Mr. Turner, "tell the Tyler to let her come in."

And Eva did come, or rather bounded, into the hall, more beautiful in her excitement than ever before. She advanced to the centre of the room and stood beside the altar; half poised upon the tiny foot she scanned rapidly the faces of all. Her eager eyes soon detected the strangers, who were seated behind each other, and for a moment she seemed irresolute, then darting forward with a glad cry, she threw her arms about the neck of Mr. Durant, crying, "Oh, papa! my dear papa! you have come at last! You were not burned in the ship!"

We will not attempt to paint the scene further, but will leave our readers to imagine the joy of the fond father, and also leave them to decide whether the tears that wet the cheeks of the Brethren of Hiram Lodge was caused by sympathy with the happiness of their little charge, or grief that they should lose one whom they all loved.

The Old Woman.

Once she was a mother, and it was "Mother, I am hungry," "Mother, put up my dinner," and mother, with her loving hands, would spread the bread and butter, and stow away the luncheon, and sew on the great patch, heart brimming with affection for the imperious little curly-pate that made her so many steps and nearly distracted her with his boisterous mirth.

Now she is the "old woman," but she did not think it would come to that. She looked on through the future years, and saw her boy to manhood grown; and he stood transfigured in the light of her own beautiful love. Never was there a more noble son than he—honored of the world, and the staff of her declining years.

Aye, he was her support even then, but she did not know it. She never realized that it was her little boy that gave her strength for daily toil—that his slender form was all that upheld her over the brink of dark despair. She only knew how she loved the child, and felt that, amid the mist of age, his love would bear her gently through its infirmities, the dark hall leading to the life beyond.

But the son has forgotten the mother's ministration now.—Adrift from the moorings of home, he is cold, selfish, heartless, and the word "Mother" has no sacred meaning to the prodigal. She is "the old woman," wrinkled, gray, lame, and blind.

Pity her, O Grave! and dry those tears that roll down her furrowed cheek. Have compassion on her sensitive heart, and offer it thy quiet rest, that it may forget how much it longed to be "dear mother" to the boy it cherished through a careless childhood, but in return for all this wealth of tenderness has only given back reproach.

THE STAR.

R. W. LOGAN. A. D'K. WALLACE.

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EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1872.

Republican Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Republicans of Rutherford County, at the Court House on next Saturday the 9th instant, for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State Republican Convention to be held in Raleigh on the 17th day of April next.

Every Republican in Rutherford County, is earnestly requested to attend the meeting.

Republican Candidates.

As the time for holding the Republican nominating Convention draws near, the question of who are to be the Candidates for the different State Offices, becomes agitated, and most especially among office seekers. It use to be customary, in the days of the old Whigs and Democrats, for the Office to seek the man, and not the man the Office, or in other words the people selected some one whom they thought eminently qualified, and requested him to become a Candidate, when this was the case we always had honorable, able and efficient officers; but it is not the case now. For months before the meetings of the various nominating Conventions, the political wire-working office seekers are at work. Every effort is made to mould the public feeling in their favor, meetings are packed, and delegates selected to conventions who neither know or care for the choice of the people, and in this way it often occurs, that men attain to the highest offices in the gift of the people, who, had it been left to the choice of the masses, never would have been known in public life. We mention these facts, as a warning to the Republican party in this State. Too much pains cannot be taken in selecting candidates for the various offices to be filled next summer, and one of the most important aims should be, to select men in whom the *people* have confidence.

Victory is never certain, and much less so when the ship is commanded by men who do not have the confidence of the crew. With an able, and honorable State ticket, selected with an eye to the will of the people, we have no doubt of the success of the Republican party in this State next summer, but with a weak tickett composed of men who are not the choice of the people, but who are seeking the offices for the sake of spoils, we may look for defeat, and if successful in the coming campaign the result would be defeat in 1874, and probably for years to come.

Too little respect is shown to *merit*. Men are often ignored, and by political trickery kept out of office, when they merit more than any man in the party. This should not be the case. We should take care of such men. Encourage them, and never ignore them for political demagogues who really deserve nothing at the hands of the people. We sincerely hope that the Republican party will remember these things when they come to nominate candidates. The Republican State Convention meets in Raleigh on the 17th of next month, and it is to be hoped that the deliberations of that body may be marked with wisdom and honesty, and not cramped by intriguers and office-seekers. We have lost the State once by bad management of incompetent officers, and now that we are almost sure of success, let us bear our former errors in mind, lest we suffer a second and more lasting defeat. Let our whole aim be to select, honest, able and competent men, the peoples choice, for every office from the highest to the lowest.

☞ Died, in Sugar Creek, in Mecklenburg county, on the 22nd February, Mrs. Susan M. Alexander, wife of Edwin Alexander, Esq., aged 66 years.

Reckless Legislation.

The Democratic Legislature before it could consent to adjourn, took great pains to gerrymander the State, with a view to electing a majority of Democrats in both branches of the General Assembly next summer. In their anxiety to do this, they became reckless; no regard was shown, either for the Constitution or the equality of population, and it is generally conceded, that the legislation in this connection, as well as in almost every other measure acted upon by that body, was the most reckless and outrageous, known in the history of North Carolina. Never was there a body assembled to legislate for the of North Carolina before, that devoted so much time to outrageous partizan legislation, and cared so little for the provisions of the Constitution and the wants of the people. It was beyond any doubt, the weakest, and most reckless body ever known in this State. And this body was composed of men elected by the great Conservative Democratic-White-mans party of North Carolina, who claim that all the *wealth, intelligence, ability* and *respectability*, belongs to that party. Great God deliver us!

One of the most rediculous and amusing evidences of the reckless legislation of this intelligent and able (?) body is, that in the House apportionment act, provision is only made for one hundred and *nineteen* members, when the Constitution expressly provides for one hundred and twenty. Person county was entirely forgotten overlooked and left out in the cold; was ever anything more rediculous?

The Right Spirit.

Our friends continue to come in and subscribe for the STAR. We received a number of new subscribers last week, and are receiving more every day. This is the right spirit, and we hope it will continue until every Republican in this section becomes a subscriber to the STAR. It is not altogether the interest of the publishers of the STAR, that the increase of subscribers promote, but it is to the interest of every Republican in the State. The STAR is published and edited in the interest of the principles of the Great Union Republican party, and it is for this we are laboring, and not that we either desire or expect to make money by its publication. Our object is to labor for the good of the whole people, and we think if they will encourage us by supporting the STAR, we will be enabled to do a great deal of good. We, therefore, call upon our friends to go on with the good work. Let it be the aim of every subscriber on our list, to induce one or more of his friends to take the STAR, and in a very short time our list will be double what it is now. Now is the time to work, and we appeal to our friends to take hold of it in good earnest. The campaign will soon open, and there is nothing that will be of more benefit to the Republican party in this section, than the circulation of the STAR among the people. We intend to make a bold and fearless fight for the principles of the party during the campaign, and we also intend to make the STAR a thorn in the side of the Democratic Kuklux party. We urge it upon our Republican friends that it is not only their interest, but their duty to aid us in extending the circulation of our paper. We are working for *you*, and it is your *duty* to stand by us and support us in our efforts.

We hope and believe that our friends will not turn a deaf ear to our appeals. Come right along, and don't be backward about it, and if the STAR is not worth the money you pay for it, we will return it without a murmur. Don't go to making excuses of poverty, &c., &c. It is a very poor reason for a man to say he can not save one dollar and a-half in twelve months to pay for a newspaper; and if you haven't got the money, we will take any kind of produce, for which we will allow market prices.

Don't Forget to Come.

According to the plan of organization adopted by the meeting at Asheville on the 8th of January, last, the chairmen of the several Township Executive Committees, are requested to meet at the Court House in their respective Counties, on Saturday next, the 9th instant, and organize an Executive Committee of the County.

It is very important that this organizati on be put in working order as early as possible, and we hope Rutherford County will not be behind in the good work. Let the chairman of every Township Executive Committee in the County be at the Court House next Saturday, without fail.

Repeal of the Ku-klux Law.

The Act making the act of going masked, disguised or painted, a felony has been repealed. This was one of the last measures of the late General Assembly and was hurried through without apparently being discovered by the Republican members. It seems to us the Republican members might have been a little more wide awake and made some noise about it at least.

The object of the passage of the repeal was to screen those indicted at the last term of the Alamance Court from punishment. There were from forty to fifty indicted unde this law, who now will necessarily escape punishment. This act of infamy ought to condemn the Democracy forever, and the people may well consider whethether or not they will permit that party to again obtain power.

New North State.

We do not wonder at this. Are not the members of the Kuklux Organization bound by a so'emn oath to aid their brethren in distress?

Acts of Our Legislature.

Of all partizan Legislation attempted in this State, which we ever felt called upon to comment, the following little *morceau* takes the front rank, both in impudence and imprudence. It was felt to be *necessary* that something should be done to help the Ku Klux out of their trouble, and hence:

A BILL to be entitled "An Act to declare the Law of Evidence in certain cases."

SECTION 1, Provides "That in the trial of all indictments, complaints and other proceedings against person charged with the commission of crimes or offences, the person so charged shall, at his own request, but not otherwise, be deemed a competent witness; nor shall the neglect or refusal to testify, create any presumption against the defendant."

If the above was not intended as a bid for the Ku Klux to come into Court and swear themselves clear by perjuring themselves, will the framer inform us what it was for? Did ever a lawyer or jury man try a criminal whom they could really consider *a competent witness in his own behalf at his own request?* Bah! any criminal can prove an alibi if he be a competent witness in his own behalf, and in behalf of others. They have only to swap lies and under this clause of the act quoted from, not a single Ku Klux but what would, in all probability, add perjury to his list of crimes against God and man, and go out of Court a still more hardened wretch than ever. Oh ye wise law-makers and Ku Klux sympathizers, your record is defore the people and they like it not!—*Newbern Times.*

The politieal cauldron begins to bubble boisterously. The democratic waters are in violent commotion. The dismemberment of the democratic party has begun already at the capitol of the State. A Democratic Senator repudiates his colleagues. When the bill fixing the Senatorial Districts came up for consideration in the Senate, a prominent Democratic Senator arose in his seat and placing his hat upon his head, in perfect contempt, he said: "*Mr. President, I leave this Senate Chamber never to return, but before I leave it, I denounce you all as a damned unworthy and corrupt body and set of men,*" and so with his hat on his head, he stalked out of the Senate Chamber. Another Senator foremost in their ranks, has declared, that the bill fixing the senatorial districts deprives the people of their just representation and irrevocably defeats the democratic party next fall. Another Merrimon, (with a voice like the squeaking of a file,) squeaks out: "Let's fix the law so that a Republican can never again be elected." "Honest confessions are good for the soul." Our democratic neighbors can put this "fine cut" in their pipes and smoke it.

Prison Horror.

England can no longer claim prominence for the infamous cruelty that she obtained through the prison of Dartmoor. The Black hole of Calcutta has lost its claim to a height of misery and squalidness deemed unattainable elsewhere. It has been reserved for the managers of the North Carolina penitentiary, appointed by a Ku Klux Legislature, to exceed all previous prison horrors; to bring unequalled disgrace upon their State and country.

The sworn testimony of the treatment of the unfortunate wretches now confined in the penitentiary, reveals barbarity and inhuman cruelty almost incredible. Here—at the Capital of the State—in the midst of a people unsurpassed for generosity, humanity, and refinement, by any people in the world, and surrounded by plenty, four hundred unhappy convicts have been for months made to suffer the tortures of the damned, by reason of an insufficient supply of food. Such is the testimony elicited before a Democratic Committee.

That four hundred men should have suffered the cravings of hunger in the midst of plenty, and forced to sustain life by devouring carrion and filth unfit for brute creation, is the result of the administration of Democratic Directors.

It is true that the incarcerated men are criminals—that they are confined to undergo punishment for crime.—but their punishment is prescribed by law, and *starvation is not to be found on the statute book.*

Disgraced and dishonored as the convicts are, they are powerless to help themselves. They are removed from the sight and knowledge of the world. Nevertheless, they are human—made in God's own image—a great many of whom are not greater criminals than the thief who died upon the Cross beside our Saviour. To torture such men, is reprehensible in the highest degree. We hold up the Democratic authors of such cruelty to the contempt of the civilized world;—

To the scorn of the people of North Carolina, upon whose good name, they have brought a fearful disgrace;—

To every honest man who ever voted a Democratic ticket, that they may behold the men put in power by the Ku Klux Democracy;—

To the reprobation of every man who loves the good name of North Carolina, that they may hold that party to a strict account, whose creatures are the penitentiary Directors.

The testimony of the penitentiary Committee was before the Ku Klux Legislature. They determined that to turn out the Board appointed by the Legislature, and put in a new set of men. The next morning they reconsidered the vote of the night previous, and retained the present Board.

This action on the part of the Legislature is an *endorsement* of the cruelty practiced on the prisoners. Because one of the Directors is a member of the Kuklux Central Committee, party interest would not allow the Board to be removed and disgraced! The continuation of the Directors by the Legislature, renders the Democratic party responsible for the barbarous and cruel treatment of the convicts, and the mismanagement of the penitentiary. The responsibility was voluntarily assumed by the Legislature. The party is responsible for the action of the Legislature. The people will so hold at the ballot box.—*Era.*

Profanity never did any man the least good. No man is the richer, or happier, or wiser for it. It commends no one to society. It is disgusting to the refined; abominable to the good; insulting to those with whom we associate; degrading the mind; unprofitable, needless, and injurious to society.

The first Russian newspaper was published in 1703, and Peter the Great was the senior editor. The imperial autocrat not only took part professionally in its editorial composition, but in correcting proofs, as appears from sheets still in existence, on which are marks and alterations in his own hand.

What Dyspepsia May End In.

Indigestion is not dangerous, say the faculty. Perhaps not in itself, while it remains mere indigestion; but look at the consequences to which it may lead, and often does lead when it becomes a chronic disease. A spark of fire is a small thing A pressure of the foot will put it out; a breath will extinguish it. Yet it may fire a powder mill, or kindle a flame that will consume a city. In like manner indigestion may produce gastritis, cancer of the stomach, congestion of the bowels, apoplexy, liver disease, and many other dangerous maladies. Is it not wiso, then, to check it in the germ? Nothing is more clearly and indisputably established than that Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will eradicate dyspepsia in all its stages. The true policy, however, is to extinguish it in the first stages with this wholesome, powerful, and infallible tonic and alterative. It is easier to quench a spark than a flame, and it is easier to cure dyspepsia when it is first developed, than when it has made headway by neglect, and become complicated with other ailments.—There is not the shadow of a doubt that the bitters are as directly antagonistic to dyspepsia as water is to fire. There are thousands of cases on record proving this fact. The remedy is safe and agreeable. All the liquors of commerce prescribed as stimulants leave a sting behind. But the sting is taken out of the spirituous basis of this great remedy by vegetable medication, and, moreover, the stimulant thus medicated is of exceptional purity. Of all tonics taken as safeguards or remedies for fever and ague, bilious remittents, and other epidemics, it is the only one that can uniformly be depended on [our

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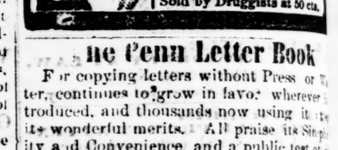

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Republican Meeting.

In pursuance to a call made at the Convention in Asheville, on the 8th day of January, 1872, for the purpose of organizing an Executive Committee in each Township, and for the purpose of more fully organizing the Republican party, a meeting of the citizens of Logan's Store Towhship was held on the 24th day of February, in which the following proceedings were had:

The meeting organized, by calling A. P. Hollifield, Esq., to the Chair, and requesting W. W. Wallace to act as Secretary. The object of the meeting was explained by the Chairman in a few appropriate remarks, followed by H. B. Wilson in a few brief remarks. It was then moved that a committee of three be appointed to select the Executive Committee: The Chairman appointed H. B. Wilson, Joseph Scoggin and Nelson Logan. After retiring a short time, they returned and reported the names of J. B. Eaves, W. B. Freeman, Samuel Biggerstaff, Sen,. R. K. Wilson and Nelson Logan as suitable persons for Executive Committee, which was unanimously agreed to. But afterwards W. B. Freeman requested that he be released, and W. W. Wallace be appointed in his place, which was agreed to.

The Committee then appointed J. B. Eaves as their Chairman. It was then proposed that the voice of the meeting be taken as to their choice for Governor. It was then resolved unanimously, that they recommend his Honor, G. W. Logan, as their choice for Governor.

Resolved, 2d. That we are in favor of, and do sincerely endorse the administration of President Grant.

Resolved, 3d. That we are not in favor of, nor do we wish to support any man for office, who is not a true, reliable, and tried Republican, and who is not a friend of peace, law, and order.

Resolved, 4th. That we do not wish to interfere at present with the Constitution in any way, either by Legislative enactment, or by Convention. We think that in the present confused state of the country, that the people are not prepared to decide what changes they may want. We do, therefore, think it more expedient to not create any confusion among the people, but wait until such time as all prejudice may be laid aside, and calm, sober reason restored.

It is requested that the RUTHERFORD STAR publish these proceedings.

The meeting then adjourned.

A. P. HOLLIFIELD, Ch'm.
W. W. WALLACE, Sec'y.

Rutherford Township.

At a meeting of the Republicans of Rutherford Township on Monday last, the following proceedings were had.

The meeting was organised by calling J. M. Allen, Esq., to the chair, and requesting J. C. Clendenin to act as secretary.

The object of the meeting was explained by J. B. Carpenter, Esq., when on motion, the following persons were appointed as an Executive Committee of the Township, Col. R. W. Logan, J. H. Bradley, Esq., Hon. J. M. Justice, James M. Allen, Esq., and Richmond Scott.

The Committee organised by electing Col. R. W. Logan, Chm'n. and James M. Allen, Secretary.

On motion adjourned.

J. M. ALLEN, Chm'n.
J. C. CLENDENIN, Sec.

Green Hill Township.

At a meeting of the Republicans of Green Hill Township on Saturday last, the following persons were appointed as an Executive Committee for the Township: N. E. Walker, N. H. Hampton, Martin Walker, Henry Gibbs and A. J. Hamilton.

The Committee organized by electing N. E. Walker Chairman.

High Shoal Township.

At a meeting of the Republicans of High Shoal Township, on Saturday last, the following persons were selected as an Executive Committee for the Township: H. H. Hopper, Chairman; J. L. Webb, J. B. Gillespie. D. A. Scruggs and C. C. Webb.

Republican National Record.

The national record of the Republican party is a brilliant and attractive one. In it we need not even embrace the struggles for reform during the corrupt and extravagant administration of Buchanan; we need not review its vigorous and philanthropic efforts in behalf of liberty; we need not rehearse patriotic deeds in behalf of the Union; but simply address ourselves to that part which is now in question—the administration of President Grant.

This Administration has opened up a new, hopeful and bright era in the political history of the United States. It begun at a time when the country verged upon anarchy and revolution, when momentous issues were pending, and when the great mass of the people, oppressed by a burdensome debt, contracted in suppressing the Rebellion of Democracy, were clamoring for economy and reform in the administration of the Government. The Administration has proved itself fully equal to the crisis. Anarchy has been dissipated; the clouds of revolution, dispelled; sedition, lawlessness and crime, crushed; the momentous issues successfully grappled with—satisfactorily settled; the debt rapidly decreased; taxation made less onerous; the Government administered economically, and reform introduced into every department of the Government. These statements may be ridiculed, questioned and denied by the opposition to the Administration, but they cannot be successfully refuted. Upon the certainty that they can not be successfully refuted, we are confident to say, that this administration, one of the most admirable and brilliant chapters in the Republican national record, far surpasses in the statesmanship sagacity and integrity displayed, any other in the chronicles of the Nation. No other Administration, since the foundation of the Government, has had so many questions of such gigantic proportions and vast moment to grapple with. No other Administration has been required to exhibit so much firmness in the enforcement of the laws, so much sagacity in the settlement of foreign and domestic complicated questions, so much integrity in the general conduct of affairs, or that has been held to so strict an account for its acts. Yet, no other has ever been so successfully triumphant in every measure as has this administration.

We look back at the unsettled condition of the Southern States, caused by the cowardly, demagogical policy of Andrew Johnson, and we find all these States in their respective places by the old family hearth. We look back at the precarious condition of our foreign relations,—they are all amicably adjusted. We look back at the Ku Klux Klan, with its 200,000 members and its multitude of infamous outrages—they are checked and crushed, tranquility has been restored to the section which they made a scene of horrid murders,—a perfect terrestial hell, and the poor and defenceless of the South can now lay down at night, with unbarred doors, in safety. We look back at the enormous debt of $2,500,000,000,—we find it has been decreased $300,000,000, or one-eighth, in three years. We look back at the revenue has been decreased upon, or altogether remove from, the necessaries used by the great masses of the people. We look back at the frauds perpetrated by goverment officials,—they are less than in any Administration for forty years past, and the perpetrators have been more universally brought to justice. We look at the requisites for position now,—they are capacity, honesty, integrity and total competency. We look at or national credit and financial condition,—they never were, and could not be better. We look at the measures for the promotion of the people,—monopolies are being repudiated and provisions are being made for the universal education of the masses. We look at our national prosperity and progress,—we have universal justice and equality before the law and at the ballot box, are prosperous, wealthy and happy, and are moving upward and onward with sure and steady pace, toward a purer, nobler and greater nationality and a more elevated and more enlightened civilization.

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The Alabama Claims, the English and American Press.

The tone of the English press, for the last few days, has been more moderate than it was on first ascertaining the American case, as presented before the Geneva Conference. Some of the leading English journals counsel moderation on the part of the Government, and manifest no desire to precipitate a further misunderstanding between England and the United States.

The excitement, however, over the Alabama claims seems in no respect to abate. To our mind, however, the action of the Government, relative to the treaty of Washington, in so arranging it as to allow the United States to present claims for indirect damages, is being used by the English press and people for political purposes. That there is any serious designs, on the part of England, to withdraw from the arbitration, we do not believe. It is evidently not to her interest to do so. She can have no desire to have the Alabama question remain longer unsettled. She cannot afford to let the present opportunity pass by for a complete and amicable adjustment of all questions and difficulties between the two Governments. The United States can afford to let the matter rest, as there is nothing threatening to either the peace or prosperity of the American Government by an unsettled condition of these claims against England. They have been standing for years, not as a thorn in America, but a constant menace to England in case she should become involved in war with some other nation.

If England should now, after the Treaty of Washington has been ratified by the respective Governments, withdraw from the arbitration and refuse to submit to the decision of the Geneva Conference, the menace of these claims would be redoubled. Under certain contingencies it would be impossible for the Government of the United States to withstand the pressure of the American people for their collection. If, after the solemn agreement to settle the matter by arbitration had failed, in consequence of England's withdrawal from the Conference, it is not at all probable that the demands of the United States would in the least be reduced. Moreover the feeling, which now exists to a certain extent, among the people, viz: that they would prefer that the Alabama claims would remain an open question, would become greatly extended and strengthened. So much so, we opine, this would be the case, that in the event of England becoming involved in war with some other nation, the united voice of an outraged American people would then demand and force a most fearful retaliation upon her, for the treatment we received at her hands during the days of the great rebellion.

With all these facts and probabilities staring England's wisest statesmen in the face, we cannot, for one moment, bring ourselves seriously to believe she contemplates the repudiation of the Treaty of Washington. The bluster of the English press we regard, therefore, as only for effect, and for political purposes. The tone of the American press has contrasted very remarkably with that of England, in that the latter has been all bluster and excitement, while the former has manifested the greatest possible coolness and moderation. While the American press has been temperate in its expressions, there has not been the least disposition manifest to desert the Government or Administration in the positions assumed on the Alabama claims. There never has been, perhaps, a more unanimous expression, by the American press in its defence and support of the Government, than in very Alabama question. This unanimity in the voice of the press of America has undoubtedly had something to do with the modification of the British press since its first out burst of indignation.

With all the data, in the premises, thus far before us, our deliberate conclusion is, whether England recedes from the Treaty or not, there will, at present, be no war with that Government, as the United States is in no such hurry for the collection of her claims—she can afford to let the matter rest till a more favorable season. And further, we conclude England will not recede from the Treaty, as her interest is to secure the settlement of all questions of difficulties between that Government and the United States without any further unnecessary delay.—*O Berrien Co.* (Mich.) *Record.*

There are sixty-seven women who are editors and reviewers in Paris.

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Collector 7th District N. C.
Per W H DEAVER, Deputy Coll
February 20th, 1872— 14—td

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vs.

Jonathan Leibetter, W H Rucker, as Administrators of the estate of W Rucker, deceased, M H Kilpatrick, R O Leibetter, Jas M Taylor, Executor of J L Taylor, dec'd:

You are hereby summoned to appear at the next ensuing regular term of the Superior court, to be held for the county of Rutherford, at the court house in Rutherfordton, on the 4th Monday in March next, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff, a copy of which will be filed according to law, and let them take notice, that if they fail to answer said complaint within the time prescribed by law, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint. Hereof fail not. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, this 23d day of February, 1872.

J. B. CARPENTER, C. C. S. C.
for Rutherford County
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THE FARMER'S FIRESIDE.

The Blessing of To-Day.

Strange, we never prize the music
Till the sweet-voiced birds have flown;
Strange, that we should slight the violets
Till the lovely flowers are gone;
Strange, that summer skies and sunshine
Never seem one-half so fair
As when winter's snowy pinions
Shake the white down in the air.

Lips from which the seal of silence
None but God can roll away,
Never blossomed in such beauty
As adorns the mouth to-day.
And sweet words that freight our memory
With their beautiful perfume,
Come to us in sweeter accents,
Through the portals of the tomb.

Let us gather up the sunbeams
Lying all around our path;
Let us keep the wheat and roses,
Casting out the thorns and chaff;
Let us find our sweet comfort
In the blessings of to-day.
With a patient hand removing
All the briars from our way.

How to Raise Cows for the Dairy.

A heifer that is designed for the dairy should be brought up with great care, and in a manner that will tend to make her growth, and bring out all her good qualities.

We will suppose that a heifer has been brought up in such a way to the age of 15 months, that she is in a thrifty condition and that every indication of becoming a good cow. We should recommend that she should now be mated with the bull, as by beginning thus early, we can control in a great measure her future development. As the ensuing five or six years will bring out whatever of dairy quality she may possess, we cannot be too careful at first in our training. And first we should be careful about feeding too high, as heifers kept in high condition are liable to have inflammatory action set up in the udder towards the close of their term, which often destroys the usefulness of a portion of the organ, and tends to hinder the secretion of milk, thereby injuring the future reputation of the cow as a milker.

As there is always more or less of inflammation during the first stages of lactation, the young heifer should be milked as clean as possible at least three times a day, and her food should be light, with sufficient water, until the feverishness is gone, when it will be safe to adopt a more liberal policy.

In the early stages of lactation, cows have a tendency to dispose of their surplus nutrition through the milk secreting organs, consequently they should have a liberal supply of good food at this period, so that not only nature's demands may be met, but that their milk-producing qualities may be stimulated beyond this. In order to accomplish this, we should feed not only all the moist food the cow will bear and assimilate, but whatever of rich food that will have a tendency to produce the largest and best results, always keeping in mind never to impair her digestive powers, nor promote a secretion of fat. The cow that does not respond to such treatment as this should not be kept for dairy purposes, as those cows only are profitable whose milk-producing organs are capable of being improved by judicios feeding.—*American Stock Journal.*

Waste Paper.

Few housekeepers are aware of the many uses to which waste paper may be used. After a stove has been blackened, it may be kept looking very well for a long time by rubbing with paper every morning. Rubbing with paper is a much nicer way of keeping the outsides of a tea kettle, coffee pot, and tea pot bright and clean, than the old way of washing them in suds. Rubbing with paper is also the best way of polishing knives and tin ware, after scouring. This saves wetting knife handles. If a little flour be held on the paper, in rubbing tin ware and spoons, they shine like new silver. For polishing mirrors, windows, lamp chimneys, etc., paper is better than dry cloth. Preserves and pickles keep much better if brown paper instead of cloth is tied over the jar. Paper is much better to put under a carpet than straw. It is warmer, thinner, and makes less noise when one walks over it. Two thicknesses of paper placed between other covering on a bed, are as warm as a quilt.

Cut out the following Proverbs and carry them in your vest pocket:

1. Never put off till to-morrow what you should do to-day.
2. Never trouble others for what you can do yourself.
3. Never spend your money before you have it.
4. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap.
5. Pride cost us more than hunger, thirst and cold.
6. We never repent of having eaten too little.
7. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.
8. How much pain have those evils cost us which never happened.
9. Take things always by their smooth handle.
10. When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, count a hundred.

A POLITE BOY.—The other day we were riding in a railway carriage. At one of the stations an old man entered, and was looking around for a seat, when a boy ten or twelve years of age rose up ann said, "Take my seat, sir."

The offer was accepted, and the infirm old man sat down.

"Why did you give me your seat?" he inquired of the boy.

"Because you are old sir, and I am a boy," was the reply.

The passengers were much pleased and gratified. For my part I wanted to seize hold of the little fellow and press him to my heart.

Men's lives should be like the days, more beautiful in the evening; or, like the spring, aglow with promise, and the autumn, rich with golden sheaves, where good works and deeds have ripened on the field.

A BUFFALO paper chronicles as an "unfortunate occurrence" the drinking of corrosive sublimate by a man who mistook it for brandy. It was, rather.

SUNDAY EVENING.

Dottie's Temperance Sermon.

Well, well! what *did* ail Dottie? She had positively refused to kiss her father for a whole week. He went to his work very early in the morning, long before her blue eyes were open, and did not come home till dark. Dottie always watched for him, and ran to meet him, and when he came in would sit on his knee; but when he tried to kiss her, she would shake her head so emphatically as to set the sunny curls dancing about her eyes, and then tuck her rosy face down on his shoulder.

At last he grew almost angry, and one evening he put her down, saying sternly, "I won't have any little girl that does not love me."

Dottie went to her mother with a grieved look, and tears stealing into her eyes:

"I do love my papa, ever so much—*five bushels!*" And, by her childish mode of measuring affection, this seemed immense.

"Then why did you treat him so?" asked her mother. "He does not see his little daughter all day; and when he comes home so tired she refuses to kiss him. Why is it?"

"Because, because—" and here Dottie stopped.

"Speak out, darling, don't be afraid; or suppose you whisper it to me; now—" And she bent down her head.

Dottie put both chubby arms around her mother's neck, and putting her rosebud of a mouth close to her mother's ear, and in what she supposed was a whisper, said:

"He drink some medicine or somethin' in the even' time before he gets home; and it must be dreadful stuff, for it makes me feel sickish to smell it when he puts his face close to mine—and that's all; and I do love papa." And she sobbed as if her loving little heart would break.

As the wife's glance met that of her husband, his face crimsoned with a flush of shame. The secret was out. For the week past he had been in the habit of stopping a few moments at the house of a friend, who had just returned from a voyage to Europe, and had a great many interesting things to relate. He always took a glass of something strong at night, and insisted that Dottie's father should drink with him; and that was how it happened. But he never touched a drop afterward; the pure caresses of his innocent child were of more value to him than even the good-will of his friend, and the little Dot never had cause to refuse him his evening kiss.

"Papa must be cured, I think," said she one day; "for he never drinks any more of that horrible medicine."

And he was truly cured.

Widowhood.

"I think it must be a jolly thing to be a young widow!" I heard this remark the other day, in a group of laughing girls. I think I remember saying such a thing myself in the careless girlish times. Do you know, girls, what it is to be a widow? It is to be ten times more open to comment and criticism than any *demoiselle* could possibly be. It is to have men gaze as you pass, first at you, then at your black dress, and then at your widow's cap, until your sensitive nerves quiver under the infliction. It is to have one ill-natured person say: "I wonder how long she will wait before she marries again?" and another answer: "Until she gets a good chance, I suppose!" It is now and then to meet a glance of real sympathy, generally from the poorest and humblest women that you meet, and feel your eyes fill at the token, so rare that it is, alas! unlooked for. It is to have your dear fashionable friends condole with you after the following fashion: "Oh, well! it's a dreadful loss. We knew you'd feel it, poor dear." And in the next breath. "You will be sure to marry again, and your widow's cap is very becoming to you."

But it is more than this to be a widow. It is to miss the strong arm that you have leaned upon, the true faith that you knew could never fail you, though all the world might forsake you. It is to miss the dear voice that uttered your name with a tenderness none other could give it. It is to hear never more the well-known footsteps that you flew so gladly once to meet. To see no more the face that, to your adoring eyes, seemed as the face of the angels of God! To feel no more the twining arms that folded you so lovingly; the dear eyes that, looking into your own, said so plainly, whate'er it might seem to others, yours was the fairest face earth held for him. It is to fight with a mighty sorrow as a man fights with the waves that overwhelm him, and to hold it at arm's length for a while, only to have, in hours of loneliness and weakness, the torrent roll over you, while, poor, storm-driven dove, you see no haven of peace in the distance but Heaven!

But, thank God! it is yet more than this to be a widow. It is to feel that the soul which was part of your being on earth is an angel now; to know that in the spirit land he yearns for your voice, your touch, your presence; that even there his lips have not forgotten to syllable the sacred name of "wife;" that his memory, pure and true, guards and wraps you in its mantle of protection; that if you too are good and true, the good Father will send for you after a while to the far country, where your lover waits, and where the hearts that you have severed on earth will be united in Heaven, "where He shall wipe away all tears from your eyes, and there shall be no more sorrow or weeping, for behold the former things have passed away."

A lady, who had lost a beloved child, was so oppressed with grief that she even excluded herself from the society of her own family and kept herself locked in her chamber; but was at length prevailed on by her husband to come down-stairs and to take a walk in the garden. While there, she stooped to pick a flower; but her husband appeared as though he would hinder her. She plaintively said: "What! deny a flower?" He replied: "You have denied God your flower; and surely you ought not to think it hard in me to deny you mine." It is said the lady suitably felt the gentle reproof, and had reason to say: "A word spoken in season, how good is it!"

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Real happiness is cheap enough, yet how dearly are we in the habit of paying for its counterfeit.

I spent long years for thee
In weariness and woe,
That one eternity
Of joy thou mightest know;
I spent long years for thee;
Hast thou spent one for me?

My father's house of light,
My rainbow-circled throne
I left for earthly night,
For wanderings sad and lone;
I left it all for thee;
Hast thou left aught for Me?

PHUNISMS.

WOMAN'S RIGHTS.—Dennis McFlynn has been thinking about "woman's rights," and his excited imagination finds vent in poetry. Read it:

Hurrah! for the time that is comin',
Whin ladies shall vote for the min;
Och, won't the polls be a bloomin'
Wid fithers and crinoline thin!
Election day thin I am thinkin'
Will be the great day of the year,
Whin lasses and lads will be drinkin'
Together the candidates' beer.

What the use to wrangle wid Biddy
About who the living shall make;
An' sure if 'twill plase her I'm riddy
To give up the hod for her sake,
An' be staying all day at the shanty
To 'tind the domestic affairs,
A boilin' the bafe an' pertaties,
An' mendin' the rips and the tairs.

Thin whin election approaches,
An' lasses are marchin' the strate
Wid big band of music an' torches,
An' Biddy is standin' the trate,
I'll be on the sidewalk hurrahin'
For me own darlin' Biddy McFlynn,
Wid a child in my arms, and a drawin'
A cab wid another one in.

In too many lamentable instances "the last scene of this strange, eventful history, is kerosene."

It may sound like a parody, yet the breaking of both wings of an army, is a pretty sure way to make it fly.

"Husband, I cannot express my detestation of your conduct."

"Well, dear, I am glad you cant."

A Judge sentencing a prisoner to be hung, said he hoped it would prove a warning to him, it did—the chap hasn't committed a crime since.

"Boy, why did you take an armful of my shingles on Sunday?" "Why, sir mother wanted some kindling wood, and I didn't want to split wood on Sunday."

A western paper says: "Vaccinate! Politeness never hurts anybody. Small pox will not attack you if you allow vaccination to take your arm.

A citizen of Danbury, Conn., seeing his daughter off, and not being aware that she had left her seat in the car near the window, and that it had become occupied by a very prim-looking lady, hastily put his face up as the train was starting, and exclaimed:

"One more kiss, dear pet."

In another instant the point of a blue cotton umbrella caught his seductive lips, followed by the passionate injunction: "Scat, you gray-headed wretch!" and he scatted.

At a public "Tea Party" recently held in one of our country towns, where "sentiments" were in order, a timid bachelor was bold enough to remind the ladies that leap year was upon them, by offering the following:

Three long dreary years I have waited for this,
Now if you'll pop the question, I'll surely say yes.

To which the lady promptly responded as follows:

The man without courage to do his own wooing,
May do his own washing, and baking and sewing.

The bachelor looked despair.

As the 2:40 train from New York reached Stamford Saturday, an antique looking dame thrust her head out of the window opposite the refreshment room door, and briefly shouted "Sonny!" A bright looking boy came up to the window. "Little boy," said she, "have you a mother?" "Yes, ma'am." "Do you go to school?" "Yes, ma'am." "And are you faithful to your studies?" "Yes, ma'am." "Do you say your prayers every night?" "Yes, ma'am." "Can I trust you to do an errand for me?" "Yes, ma'am." "I think I can too," said the lady, looking steadily down on the manly face. "Here is five cents to get me an apple. Remember, God sees you."—*Hartford Post.*

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